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Note to Survey Respondents: Results of many surveys we conduct throughout the year are included in this report! Most survey results are not published individually. **Thank you** for taking the time to complete our surveys!

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on July 1, 2007. The inventory was 1 percent below July 1, 2006 but 3 percent above July 1, 2005. The inventory included 6.74 million steers and steer calves, down 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.93 million head, up 6 percent from 2006.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.66 million, 15 percent below 2006 and 6 percent below 2005. Net placements were 1.61 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 405,000, 600-699 pounds were 325,000, 700-799 pounds were 457,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 470,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.14 million, 3 percent below 2006 but up 3 percent from 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 52,000 during June, down 17 percent from 2006 and 2005.

U.S. ALL CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Cattle on feed July 1, 2007, from all feedlots in the United States, totaled 12.3 million, down 2 percent from the 12.5 million on July 1, 2006 but up 3 percent from July 1, 2005. Cattle on feed in feedlots with 1,000 or more head accounted for 87 percent of the total cattle on feed on July 1, 2007, unchanged from July 1, 2006.



JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN SLIGHTLY

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2007, totaled 104.8 million head, slightly below the 105.2 million on July 1, 2006 but 1 percent above the 104.2 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.5 million, were down slightly from the 42.6 million on July 1, 2006 but unchanged from two years ago.

Beef cows, at 33.4 million, were down slightly from July 1, 2006 and July 1, 2005.

- Milk cows, at 9.15 million, were unchanged from July 1, 2006 but up 1 percent from two years ago.
- Other class estimates on July 1, 2007 and the changes from July 1, 2006, are as follows:
 - All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.6 million, unchanged.
 - Beef replacement heifers, 4.7 million, down 6 percent.
 - Milk replacement heifers, 3.9 million, up 3 percent.
 - Other heifers, 8.0 million, up 3 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.9 million, down 1 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 28.7 million, down 1 percent.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.3 million, down 2 percent.

Calf Crop Down Slightly: The 2007 calf crop is expected to be 37.4 million, down slightly from 2006 and 2005. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.2 million, down 1 percent from 2006 and 2005.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, SELECTED COMMODITIES, JULY 2007

Commodity	Unit	Pennsylvania			United States		
		Jul 2006	Jun 2007	Jul 2007 ¹	Jul 2006	Jun 2007	Jul 2007 ¹
<i>Dollars</i>							
Corn.....	Bu.	2.59	4.32	4.03	2.14	3.51	3.23
Wheat, Winter ²	Bu.	-	-	-	3.82	5.00	5.30
Oats.....	Bu.	2.00	2.17	2.04	1.78	2.54	2.50
Barley ²	Bu.	-	-	-	2.71	3.30	3.37
Soybeans ²	Bu.	-	-	-	5.61	7.51	7.92
Hay, Dry All	Ton	142.00	140.00	147.00	107.00	131.00	131.00
Dry Alfalfa	Ton	162.00	156.00	161.00	113.00	137.00	137.00
Dry Other.....	Ton	127.00	132.00	137.00	89.30	111.00	113.00
Apples, Fresh Use.....	Lb.	⁶	⁶	⁶	0.423	0.296	0.293
Cows, Slaughter	Cwt.	47.90	50.70	50.70	46.40	50.10	51.40
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	82.00	89.00	86.90	90.00	93.30	94.30
Calves	Cwt.	139.00	117.00	119.00	137.00	125.00	125.00
Barrows & Gilts.....	Cwt.	47.00	49.80	48.50	51.10	55.10	53.40
Sows.....	Cwt.	30.00	36.20	36.00	32.10	37.50	36.50
Sheep	Cwt.	36.30	38.00	-	27.60	27.50	-
Lambs.....	Cwt.	97.80	110.00	-	93.40	96.30	-
Eggs ³	Doz.	0.230	0.460	0.760	0.237	0.497	0.812
Milk, Fluid Grade	Cwt.	13.50	21.30	-	11.70	20.20	21.80
Manufactured Grade ⁴ ...	Cwt.	10.40	-	-	10.80	20.00	20.70
All	Cwt.	13.50	21.30	23.50	11.70	20.20	21.70
Milk Cows ⁵	Head	1,700.00	-	2,000.00	1,680.00	-	1,950.00

¹ Preliminary. ² Pennsylvania price not published on monthly basis, average price is published annually. ³ Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. ⁴ PA is no longer published due to insufficient manufacturing grade milk volume. ⁵ Quarterly (Jan., Apr., Jul, Oct.). ⁶ Apples insufficient sales to establish a price.

JULY FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX **ADVANCED 3 POINTS FROM LAST MONTH**

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July, at 142 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 3 points (2.2 percent) from June. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.4 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (2.2 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for milk, eggs, wheat, and snap beans. Lower prices were received for corn, broilers, hogs, and cantaloupes. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of grapes, wheat, hay, and tomatoes offset decreased marketings of milk, cantaloupes, and potatoes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 25 points (21 percent) from July 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 144, increased 4 points (2.9 percent) from last month and increased 25 points (21 percent) from July 2006.

TOTAL GOAT AND KID INVENTORY **UP 4 PERCENT**

All goat inventory on July 1, 2007 totaled 3.60 million head, up 4 percent from the previous July. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.69 million head, up 4 percent from July 2006. All market goats and kids totaled 905,000 head, up 2 percent from the previous July. On July 1, 2007 meat and all other goats totaled 3.00 million head, up 5 percent from July 2006. Milk goat inventory was also up 5 percent increasing to 335,000 head while angora goat numbers fell 9 percent to 260,000 head. The 2007 kid crop is expected to total 2.03 million head, up 6 percent from the 2006 kid crop of 1.92 million head.

ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY **DOWN 1 PERCENT**

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2007 totaled 7.73 million head, down slightly from July 1, 2006, and 1 percent below July 1, 2005. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.61 million head on July 1, 2007 was down slightly from July 1, 2006. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.12 million head, were also down slightly from last July.

The breeding herd consists of 3.76 million ewes one year old and older, 185,000 rams one year old and older, and 665,000 replacement lambs (including newborn lambs). Market lamb inventory at 3.06 million head was comprised of 1.81 million lambs under 65 pounds, 635,000 lambs 65-84 pounds, 360,000 lambs 85-105 pounds, and 250,000 lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 65,000 head.

The 2007 lamb crop in the United States is expected to total 4.12 million head, up 1 percent from the 2006 lamb crop of 4.09 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2007 totaled 3.64 million head or 88 percent of the yearly total. An additional 480,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2007.

Region 3 (CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY) accounted for 34.5 percent of all sheep and lambs. Region 2 (NM & TX) accounted for 18.4 percent, Region 1 (AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA) for 16.3 percent, Region 4 (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK) for 15.5 percent, and Region 5 (all other States) for 15.3 percent.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 30, 2007

Apples in cold storage reported by cold storage warehouses for Pennsylvania totaled 498,400 bushels on June 30, 2007, compared to 810,000 bushels on June 30, 2006. The three varieties with the largest fresh market and processing reported stocks in bushels were: York with 171,500; Rome with 99,700; and Red Delicious with 81,100.

Total apple stocks in Pennsylvania totaled 20,932,800 pounds on June 30, 2007, compared to 34,020,000 pounds on June 30, 2006.

Nationally, frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on June 30, 2007 were greater than year earlier levels for pork and butter. Butter

stocks were up 2 percent from last month and up 5 percent from a year ago. Total red meat supplies in freezers were down slightly from last month but up 5 percent from the previous year. Frozen pork supplies were down 4 percent from last month but up 14 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 17 percent from last month but up 3 percent from last year. Total frozen poultry supplies on June 30, 2007 were up 9 percent from the previous month but down 15 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 7 percent from the previous month but down 17 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 11 percent from last month but down 13 percent from June 30, 2006.

PENNSYLVANIA APPLES IN COLD STORAGE (BUSHEL), JUNE 2007

Variety	June 30, 2006					June 30, 2007				
	Fresh Market ¹		Processing		Total	Fresh Market ¹		Processing		Total
	Reg.	C.A.	Reg.	C.A.		Reg.	C.A.	Reg.	C.A.	
	Bushels									
Braeburn						0	0	0	0	0
Cortland						0	300	0	0	300
Empire						0	2,600	0	0	2,600
Fuji		25,000		0	25,000	0	4,700	0	0	4,700
Gala		1,000		1,000	2,000	0	300	0	0	300
Golden Delicious		71,000		64,000	135,000	0	20,500	0	9,500	30,000
Granny Smith						0	0	0	49,500	49,500
Idared						0	400	0	39,000	39,400
Jonagold						0	300	0	0	300
Jonathan						0	0	0	0	0
McIntosh		0		0		0	600	0	0	600
Mutsu/Crispin						0	1,500	0	0	1,500
Northern Spy						0	0	0	0	0
Pink Lady						0	400	0	0	400
Red Delicious		39,000		37,000	76,000	0	54,500	0	26,600	81,100
Rome		21,000		110,000	131,000	0	13,800	0	85,900	99,700
Rome Sport						0	300	0	0	300
Spartan						0	0	0	0	0
Stayman		1,000		0	1,000	0	1,100	0	0	1,100
Winesap						0	0	0	0	0
York		0		366,000	366,000	0	0	0	171,500	171,500
All Other Varieties		8,000		66,000	74,000	200	900	0	10,700	11,800
Not Segregated						0	0	300	3,000	3,300
All Varieties	0	166,000	0	644,000	810,000	200	102,200	300	395,700	498,400

¹ Includes total quantities on hand; graded and ungraded, packed or loose on the last day of the month specified.

APPLE STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, PENNSYLVANIA & UNITED STATES

Commodity	All Warehouse Stocks		
	June 30, 2006	May 31, 2007	June 30, 2007
Pennsylvania			
Apples:			
Regular Storage	0	504,000	21,000
Controlled Atmosphere	34,020,000	37,926,000	20,911,800
TOTAL APPLES	34,020,000	38,430,000	20,932,800
United States			
Apples:			
Regular Storage	30,281,000	30,952,000	7,589,000
Controlled Atmosphere	602,065,000	1,034,166,000	638,325,000
TOTAL APPLES	632,346,000	1,065,118,000	645,914,000

MONTHLY POULTRY SUMMARY

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			United States		
		Jun 2006	May 2007	Jun 2007	Jun 2006	May 2007	Jun 2007
Layers	Thous.	23,788	22,348	22,283	342,685	341,052	339,331
Eggs Per 100 Layers	Number	2,346	2,398	2,320	2,160	2,226	2,169
Eggs Produced	Million	558	536	517	7,401	7,591	7,360
Chick Hatch-Egg Type	Thous.	4,741	4,550	4,637	37,406	38,498	40,005
Chick Hatch-Broiler Type	Thous.	14,090	14,546	14,026	788,652	837,386	810,419
Poults Placed	Thous.	-	-	-	26,002	27,271	26,504

EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Pennsylvania during June 2007 totaled 517 million eggs, down 7 percent from the 558 million eggs produced in June 2006. The total number of layers averaged 22.2 million during June, a 6 percent drop from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,320 eggs during the month, a decrease of 26 eggs from June 2006. Egg-type chicks hatched during June 2007 totaled 4.6 million, down 2 percent from the 4.7 million hatched the previous June. Broiler-type chicks hatched totaled 14.0 million during June 2007, unchanged from the same month last year.

United States' egg production totaled 7.36 billion during June 2007, down 1 percent from last year's total during June. The total number of layers during June averaged 339 million, down 1 percent from last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,169 eggs, up slightly from June 2006. Egg-type chicks hatched in the United States during June totaled 40.0 million, up 7 percent from June 2006. Broiler-type hatch totaled 810 million, a 3 percent increase from last year at this time. There were 26.1 million turkey poults placed in the United States during June 2007, up 2 percent from the placements during the same month a year ago.



COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, JUN 2007

Specie	Unit	Pennsylvania	United States
Red Meat Prod	Million pounds	103.1	4,027.7
Cattle	1,000 Head	79.1	3,076.6
	1,000 pounds live	97,074	3,833,829
Calves	1,000 Head	14.5	61.1
	1,000 pounds live	5,454	18,663
Hogs	1,000 Head	223.4	8,297.1
	1,000 pounds live	55,768	2,210,457
Sheep & Lambs	1,000 Head	4.7	200.4
	1,000 pounds live	456	27,404

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in Pennsylvania during June 2007 totaled 103.1 million pounds, up 1 percent from June 2006. Beef production, at 97.1 million pounds live weight, was up 13 percent from June 2006. Total head slaughtered was 79,100, up 12 percent. Live weight averaged 1,235 pounds, up 13 pound from last year. Veal production was 5.5 million pounds live weight, down 12 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 14,500 head was down 3 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 35 pounds to 378 pounds. Pork production was 55.8 million pounds live weight, down 9 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 223,400, down 10 percent from June 2006. Average live weight increased 3 pound from last year to 250 pounds. Lamb and mutton production during June 2007 was 456,000 pounds live weight, up 5 percent. The number slaughtered was 4,700, down 2 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 6 pounds to 96 pounds.

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